

**ABSTRACT**

In a particular embodiment, an absorbent article incorporates a material having an inherently extensible base layer of a generally fluid permeable material and at least two strips or regions of elastomeric material attached to the extensible base layer material with a space therebetween such that a center region of the extensible base layer material is bordered on at least two sides by composite regions of the elastomeric materials and the base layer material. The center region of extensible material is maintained in an untensioned condition and attached to an absorbent body of the article. The composite side regions are stretchable in at least a first direction because of the extensible nature of the base layer material. The composite material may be incorporated as a bodyside liner in the absorbent article.